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E.O. 11652: GDS

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SUBJECT: FRG REPORT ON EUROPEAN COUNCIL MEETING

1. CHANCELLOR SCHMIDT'S FOREIGN POLICY ADVISOR RUHFUS  
ASKED DCM TO COME IN TODAY TO HEAR FOLLOWING RE LONDON  
MEETING.

2. ON MIDDLE EAST STATEMENT, COUNCIL HAD TRIED TO KEEP  
AS CLOSE AS POSSIBLE TO US, ESPECIALLY ON "HOMELAND"  
QUESTION.

3. CHANCELLOR HAD NOT FELT MUCH NEW OR IMPORTANT IN  
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COMMUNIQUE ON ECONOMIC SITUATION, BUT THOUGHT IT IMPOR-  
TANT FOR GERMANS THAT HE HAD EXPLAINED INVESTMENT PRO-  
GRAM, "DRASTIC" INCREASE IN IMPORTS, AND THAT CURRENT  
INTEREST RATES LOWEST EVER IN GERMANY AND LOWER THAN ANY  
CURRENTLY IN EUROPE. NO ONE ARGUED THAT FRG WAS NOT  
REPEAT NOT DOING ENOUGH TO STIMULATE ECONOMY.

4. HAD BEEN THOROUGH DISCUSSION OF DOWNING STREET SUMMIT TO BRING ALL EUROPEAN PARTNERS ABOARD, NUCLEAR ENERGY, AND EAST-WEST RELATIONS. GISCARD REPORTED ON BREZHNEV VISIT AND LATTER'S CONCERNS RE DETENTE. OTHERS SUCH AS DANES, DUTCH, AND JENKINS URGED CONTINUATION OF DETENTE AND WARNED AGAINST RISKS OF REVIVAL OF COLD WAR. CHANCELLOR MADE IT CLEAR FRG PROCEEDING ON BASIS OF VERY CLOSE COOPERATION WITH MAIN ALLY, US, AND THAT CONTINUATION OF DETENTE WAS IN NATIONAL INTEREST. GROUP URGED HIM TO STRESS THIS DURING WASHINGTON VISIT.

5. COUNCIL AGREED THAT IN THE FUTURE IT WOULD CONTINUE FREE EXCHANGE OF IDEAS BUT WOULD ALSO CONCENTRATE ON CONCRETE QUESTIONS AND AGENDA POINTS THAT COULD NOT BE RESOLVED IN OTHER FORA.

6. ALL WERE OPTIMISTIC COULD GET EUROPEAN PARLIAMENT ELECTION BILLS ENACTED IN TIME EXCEPT FOR BRITISH WHO SAID WOULD ENACT BUT CONCERNED ABOUT TIMING.

7. REGARDING THE TWO COMPETING JET LOCATIONS, IT WAS AGREED COMMISSION WOULD WORK OUT PACKAGE DEAL TO BE PRESENTED TO FOREIGN MINISTERS AT AN EARLY DATE FOR DECISION.  
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